

ABSTRACT

In an inverter transformer, a primary winding and a secondary winding are wound around each of two bar-shaped magnetic cores, and a magnetic resin covers all or some portions, including at least both end portion of the circumference, of the bar-shaped magnetic cores so that the primary and the secondary windings have respective predetermined leakage inductances. The magnetic resin has a substantially smaller relative magnetic permeability than the bar-shaped magnetic cores. Part of magnetic flux generated at the bar-shaped magnetic cores leaks out beyond the bar-shaped magnetic cores and further beyond the magnetic resin so as to provide leakage inductance, which functions as ballast inductance. Also, the amount of magnetic flux passing through the magnetic resin and leaking out beyond the magnetic resin is reduced, and influence to the area around the inverter transformer is reduced.